

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**ART UNIT 3774**

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In re issuance application of:	§	Confirmation No.: 2562
BRYAN et al.	§	
	§	Group Art Unit: 3774
Application No.: 10/713,837	§	
	§	Examiner: Alvin J. Stewart
Filed: November 14, 2003	§	
	§	Atty Docket No. 31132.189 / PC904.08
For: Human Spinal Disc Prosthesis	§	
	§	Customer No. 46333

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**  
**MAILED NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

The present paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed November 20, 2009.

If any fees are believed necessary for consideration of the present paper, including extension of time fees, Applicants hereby petition for the extension of time, and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the additional extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.